

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined ("____") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions, the method comprising:

providing an email compose interface for composing an email message, the email compose interface configured to designate at least one email recipient, the email compose interface including an email send option for sending the email message to the email recipient, the email compose interface including an IM launch option for launching an IM chat session with the at least one recipient of the email ~~message~~; message, the email compose interface being configured for a user to input a message in the email compose interface and the IM option being configured to facilitate automatically launching an IM session in response to selection of the launch IM option;

receiving an indication to launch an IM chat session with the at least one email recipient of the email message from the email compose interface;

receiving an indication to save an IM chat transcript of the IM chat session; and

saving the IM chat transcript in response to receiving the indication to save the IM chat transcript.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving an indication to terminate the IM chat session prior to receiving the indication to save the IM chat transcript;

providing a prompt in response to receiving the indication to terminate the IM chat session, the prompt comprising:

an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and

an indication to not save the IM chat transcript;

wherein receiving the indication to save the IM chat transcript is responsive to providing the prompt.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein saving the IM chat transcript comprises:

saving the IM chat transcript as an IM chat window.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the IM chat window comprises a record of IM events, the IM events being selected from a group consisting of:

a list of participants in the IM chat session;

IM text messages from the participants;

files transferred during the IM chat session; and

a combination thereof.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

converting the IM chat transcript to a text file.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

converting the IM chat transcript to an email message.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein saving the IM chat transcript comprises the step of:

saving the IM chat transcript as text file.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein saving the IM chat transcript comprises:

saving the IM chat transcript as an email message.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with instructions for execution, comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to provide an email compose interface for composing an email message, the email compose interface configured to designate at least one email recipient, the email compose interface including an email send option for sending the email message to the email recipient, the email compose interface including an IM launch option for launching an IM chat session with the at least one recipient of the email ~~message~~; message, the email compose interface being configured for a user to input a message in the email compose interface and the IM option being configured to facilitate automatically launching an IM session in response to selection of the launch IM option;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an indication to launch an IM chat session with the at least one email recipient of the email message from the email compose interface;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an indication to save an IM chat transcript of the IM chat session; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM chat transcript in response to receiving the indication to save the IM chat transcript.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an indication to terminate the IM chat session prior to receiving the indication; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to provide a prompt in response to receiving the indication to terminate the IM chat session, the prompt comprising:

- an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and
- an indication to not save the IM chat transcript.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM chat transcript as an IM chat window.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convert the IM chat transcript to a text file.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convert the IM chat transcript to an email message.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM chat transcript as text file.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM chat transcript as an email message.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions, the system comprising:

means for providing an email compose interface for composing an email message, the email interface configured to designate at least one email recipient, the email compose interface including an email send option for sending the email message to the email recipient, the email compose interface including an IM launch option for launching an IM chat session with the at least one recipient of the email ~~message; message, the email compose interface being configured for a user to input a message in the email compose interface and the IM option being configured to facilitate automatically launching an IM session in response to selection of the launch IM option;~~

means for receiving an indication to launch an IM chat session with the at least one email recipient of the email message from the email compose interface;

means for receiving an indication to save an IM chat transcript of the IM chat session;
and

means for saving the IM chat transcript in response to receiving the indication to save the IM chat transcript.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions, the system comprising:

a provide component configured to provide an email compose interface for composing an email message, the email compose interface configured to designate at least one email

recipient, the email compose interface including an email send option for sending the email message to the email recipient, the email compose interface including an IM launch option for launching an IM chat session with the at least one recipient of the email message; message, the email compose interface being configured for a user to input a message in the email compose interface and the IM option being configured to facilitate automatically launching an IM session in response to selection of the launch IM option;

a first receive component configured to receive an indication to launch an IM chat session with the at least one recipient of the email message from the email compose interface;

a second receive component configured to receive an indication to save an IM chat transcript of the IM chat session; and

a save component configured to save the IM chat transcript in response to receiving the indication to save the IM chat transcript.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, further comprising:

a terminate-receive configured to receive an indication to terminate the IM chat session prior to receiving the indication; and

a prompt component configured to provide a prompt in response to receiving the indication to terminate the IM chat session, the prompt comprising:

an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and

an indication to not save the IM chat transcript.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the save component further comprises:

an IM-save component configured to save the IM chat transcript as an IM chat window.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising:

a text-convert component configured to convert the IM chat transcript to a text file.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising:
an email-convert component configured to convert the IM chat transcript to an email message.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the save component further comprises:

a text-save component configured to save the IM chat transcript as text file.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the save component further comprises:

an email-save component configured to save the IM chat transcript as an email message.